

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-6 and 8 are pending. Claims 1-6 and 8 are amended. Claim 1 is independent.

Reasons for Entry of Amendments

At the outset, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered into the Official File in view of the fact that the amendments to the claims automatically place the application in condition for allowance.

In the alternative, if the Examiner does not agree that this application is in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered for the purpose of appeal. This Amendment reduces the issues on appeal by placing the claims in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. This Amendment was not presented at an earlier date in view of the fact that Applicants did not fully appreciate the Examiner's position until the Final Office Action was reviewed.

Drawings

The Examiner has indicated that the drawings have been accepted.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to overcome this rejection, the Applicant has amended claims 1-6 and 8 to address each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by O'Harrow (U.S. 1,479,312). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the present application, independent claim 1 is amended herein to recite a combination of elements directed to a security door apparatus including *inter alia*

an upper horizontal slide guide or a lower horizontal slide guide disposed on one of an inner side of the entrance door or on a side of the door opening frame; and

the auxiliary door having a first side connected to the horizontal slide guide disposed on the one of the inner side of the entrance door or the door frame opening frame, and a second side connected to a side of the entrance door or the door opening frame not having the horizontal slide guide.

Support for the novel combination of elements set forth in independent claim 1 can be seen, for example, in FIGS. 1-6.

The Applicant respectfully submits that this combination of elements as set forth in independent claim 1 is not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record, including O'Harrow.

As can be seen in O'Harrow FIGS. 1-3, this document merely discloses shutters 1, 2, and 3, with shutter 3 being mounted to supporting plates 7 by four hinges.

As can be seen, O'Harrow fails to teach or suggest an upper or a lower horizontal slide guide disposed on one of an inner side of the entrance door or on a side of the door opening frame. Further, O'Harrow fails to teach or suggest auxiliary door having a first side connected to the upper or the lower horizontal slide guide disposed on the one of the inner side of the entrance door or the door opening frame.

At least for the reasons described above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of elements as set forth in independent claim 1 is not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record, including O'Harrow. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims

The Examiner will note that dependent claims 2-6 and 8 have been amended to place them in better form as well as to set forth additional novel features of the present invention.

For example, dependent claim 4 includes

upper and lower locking bearing parts provided on both the entrance door and the door opening frame; and

axial support parts provided at the four corners of the auxiliary door,

wherein the axial support parts on one of the first side and second side of the auxiliary door are detachably mounted to the locking bearing parts on the door opening frame or the door, and

wherein the axial support parts formed on the other of the first and second side of the auxiliary door are slidably attached to the horizontal slide guide.

By contrast, the O'Harrow document provides no such teaching or suggestion.

All dependent claims are in condition for allowance due to their dependency from allowable independent claims, or due to the additional novel features set forth therein.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

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